

Chairperson Sam Demeritt called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Other members in attendance were Susan Mooney, Cheryl Smith, Raelene Shippee-Rice, Paul Miliotis, alternate who was seated in the open seat, Krystal Costa, alternate, who was seated for Kristen Lamb, and Liz Kotowski, alternate, who was seated for Deb Kimball.

Guests were Peter Landry, Landry Surveying; Jim Gove and Brendan Quigley, Gove Environmental Services, Inc.; Colton Gove, The Gove Group; Richard Snow, Lamprey River Advisory Committee (LRAC); John Terninko, resident; and Celia Abrams, resident.

**Introductions** were made. **Announcements** were as follows: The Commission will conduct a site walk on Tuesday, May 10, at the proposed Smoke Street subdivision; the Bear-Paw fundraiser, Breakfast in the Barn, in order to hire an additional staff member, raised just a bit over \$20,000 dollars. Well Water samples will be collected from residents on Sunday, May 22 from 1:00 to 4:00 at Blaisdell Memorial Library. Samples will be stored on ice in coolers and delivered to the State Labs on Monday morning.

**Smoke Street Subdivision:** Mr. Landry distributed topo maps of the five (5) proposed lots, Tax Map 10, Lots 4-1, 401A, 4-1B, 4-1C and 4-1D. The property totals 20.331 acres. Mr. Quigley described the vegetation and physical features of the area. The soils where the houses will be placed are very well drained; the wetlands are of very high quality; there are old areas that had been excavated; there are vernal pools on the site; invasive species are present on a couple of the proposed lots – multiflora rose, glossy buckthorn and bittersweet, but no knotweed; the vegetation is early successional softwood with understory. The property has 2200 feet of frontage along the Little River (a major reason why the Commission has high interest in viewing the site). The site walk was scheduled for 4:30 pm on the next day. Minutes will be taken and copied to the Planning Board for their continuance of this application on Wednesday, May 10. Mr. Landry and members of the Gove Group and Gove Environmental Services left at 7:40.

**Easements:** The public hearing for the Harvey Conservation Easement (CE) project is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 7:00 pm in Conference Room #1. "Up to \$63,000 dollars" from the Town's Conservation Fund will be contributed to this project. Smith noted that the 56 house lots could have been built on the 224 acres located in Nottingham. She added that the Harvey property abuts over 1000 acres of conserved properties including the proposed Sweetser CE in Nottingham.

The Commission worked to update the Nottingham Pending Easements document. Terninko and Abrams spoke about Mr. Terninko's CE properties that and additional land he owns that he would like to place under CE's. He wanted some direction as to which land trust or agency to contact. SouthEast Land Trust (SELT) and Bear-Paw Regional Greenways (BPRG). Both land trusts were recommended to him. Terninko and Abrams left at 7:59.

**Minutes:** The minutes of April 11, 2016, were accepted as corrected. The motion was made by Smith; seconded by Shippee-Rice and all seven (7) votes were in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- Intent to Cut: Map 45, Lot 1 and Map 52, Lot 7-7, located on Stevens Hill Road; of 29.65 acres, to cut 20.
- Intent to Cut: Map 10, Lot 4-1, on Smoke Street; of 20 acres, to cut 12 (this is the proposed five (5) lot subdivision discussed earlier in the meeting).
- Intent to Cut: Map 2, Lot 1, on Neilson Road, Route 4 and Cooper Hill Road. Of 136 acres, to cut 10.

Note: Mr. Snow invited the Commission members to attend an "Intent to Cut" program at the Conservation Commission's meeting in Candia on May 17.

- A flier from NH Lakes was received announcing a two-day conference "2016 Lakes Congress, Blue lakes, Blue Mind" on May 2 and 3. There will be workshops and presentations. Kotowski is intending to attend.

**Other:**

- Kotowski told members that the PLIA annual meeting would be held June 11 at Nottingham School. Members of the community are invited to attend. There will be speakers and presentations of interest.
- Kotowski also told members that there would be a Weed Watcher and Lake Host Training Program at the Town Office Complex on May 14. One does not need to live on the lake to be a lake volunteer.
- And she also announced that the PLIA and DES would hold its semi-annual meeting May 26 at 6:00 pm in Conference Room #1, and that Commission members are welcome to attend.
- Mooney reported that at a previous Commission meeting, there were 13 Master Plan items assigned to the Planning Board that the Commission decided to consider for recommending to the Board to move forward on. Commission members were each asked to assign #1 to five (5) items for highest priority and #2 to another five (5) items for second tier priority. Mooney will tally the results and have them available for the Board and Commission in anticipation of the joint workshop meeting scheduled for May 25.
- There was a brief discussion as to the status of the river water testing schedule and the equipment required.

Shippee-Rice moved to adjourn. Smith seconded the motion. All seven (7) votes were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan P. Mooney, Secretary.

These minutes were accepted as read at the meeting held on June 13, 2016.